



The Letter of Saint James'

St. James' Episcopal Church

LIVING GOD'S LOVE

The parish of St. James' ministers to all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

October 2017

FROM THE RECTOR'S OFFICE

At the beginning of Vestry meetings, the Vestry does some sort of exercise with me. It could be bible study on leadership or various Congregational Development tools.

For September, we answered the question: "What is the Why of St. James?" – why do we exist? There were many poignant answers which were all very important and valid. When challenged with the question, "What is God's mission in Danbury and how do we participate in God's mission?" the answer was not only profound but Spirit-filled.

God's mission is to foster diversity in Danbury and we participate by being open to all.

According to one study, in 2017 Danbury was the 13th most diverse city in the whole United States. When you narrow it down to cities with populations under 100,000 Danbury was number one.

St. James' reflects much of that diversity, although not all. If you look around our 10 AM Service on Sunday mornings you see so many different types of people. We should be proud of that as it does mean that we are participating in God's mission. And we should be sure to foster a welcoming environment for all. It is how we fulfill our baptismal vow to respect the dignity of every human being.

In his message for the celebration of the Fiftieth World Day of Peace on January 1, 2017, Pope Francis said: "I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our "deepest dignity," and make active nonviolence our way of life."



PARISH LIFE

Fall Festivities - Corn Maze

Also available are - Hay rides & pumpkin picking

October 14th @1:00pm

Castle Hill Farm

[25 Sugar Lane](#)

[Newtown, CT 06470](#)



We will be meeting there.

We will have a mini tailgate:

Bring your favorite fall treats - examples coffee, cider, pumpkin pie, apple pie.

Corn Maze - \$9.00 (3 and under free)

Hay rides - \$4.00 (3 and under free)

Pumpkin pricing - \$0.55 per pound

Specialty pumpkin- \$0.75 per pound

Cash and checks only

Grants available

Please see Father Joseph



Native Americans

Chapter 2

- ❖ At first meeting American Indigenous people found the Europeans intriguing, interesting and almost worshipped these fair skinned people.
- ❖ Soon the American Indigenous people discovered the Europeans were greedy, cruel and brought them diseases that killed them because they had no resistance.

- ❖ These abuses started when Christopher Columbus claimed he had discovered America. The natives were living on the Caribbean Islands and he soon enslaved them.
- ❖ “Christopher Columbus described the Arawaks, the people of the West Indies, as timid, artless, free and generous. He rewarded them with death and slavery. On Columbus’ second trip to the Americas. He took the title ‘Admiral of the Ocean Sea.’ ”

Shawls have been created for warmth and cover for centuries. The Prayer Shawl Ministry began in 1998 by Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo and has spread around the world as a nondenominational ministry combining compassion and a love of knitting, crocheting, and needlework. Prayer Shawls are a physical symbol of God’s loving embrace. The shawls are created with prayers and thoughts for those who are to receive them. Once completed they are blessed and sent out to their recipients. We also make blankets that are presented to those being Baptized.



The Saint James’ Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Saturday of the month for sharing, support, and fellowship. We have people who are just learning how to knit and crochet and those who are experienced who freely share their talents. We also have members who are unable to attend meetings but contribute from their homes.

If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl please contact Jean Hassen, someone in pastoral care or Deacon Carolyn. There is nothing like seeing someone wrap a shawl around their shoulders and experience God’s Love.



FAITH FORMATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Please join us this fall on our Journey of Faith.

- Every Monday evening at 6:30 pm. Rev. Carolyn will lead us in a Bible study titled "An Outline of Faith". We will meet in Luckenbill Hall and park available in rear lot. We will discuss various Scripture from The Book Of Common Prayer, relate it to our present lives. It will be a fun evening together.
- On Sept, 30th 9am to 3pm all are invited to come to Saint James' Welcoming Conference at St. Paul's in Norwalk. Pizza will be provided. Please register call the church office at [203--748-3561](tel:203-748-3561) or e-mail welcome@saintjamesdanbury.org. Let me know if you are interested in carpooling contact me at karalmonte@aol.com. This is a great opportunity to hear about "Red Doors Wide Opening".
- On Saturday mornings October 14th, 2017 and every other month at 9am to 12 noon in the Chapel, Father Joseph will lead a quiet day of prayer and reflection. We will also discuss the book called "The Cloud of Unknowing" by an unknown author. Use the translation by Carmen Acevedo Butcher. This is a passionate, challenging classic. You must read it from beginning to end!

Blessings and Peace,

Karen Montecalvo - Adult Faith Formation



People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the ***After People***.

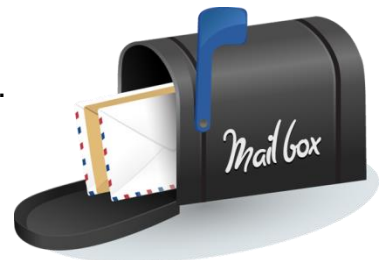
Stephen Ministers are there:

- . . . *after* the phone call you hoped you’d never get.
- . . . *after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- . . . *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- . . . *after* the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
- . . . *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- . . . *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- . . . *after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- . . . *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- . . . *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- . . . *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry or would like to talk to a Stephen Minister please contact our Rector, Joseph Krasinski or Janet Brown (203-798-1023) or Jeff Chowanec (203-610-7490) our Stephen Leaders.

Coming Soon to your Mailbox

Living God’s Love brochure and your 2018 Pledge Card.
Please return Pledge Cards before October 29th





To Church Growth!

We need GREETERS: You will...

- Greet parishioners (along with an usher) at front door before services
- Recognize newcomers: offer a visitor gift bag and a name tag
- Answer any questions they may have
- Offer to seat newcomers with someone who may answer questions during the service
- Direct newcomers to coffee hour and introduce them to others during coffee hour



We are bringing back "Welcome Baskets" for newcomers and need people to deliver the baskets!

Sign up either in Luckenbill Hall or on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

We are also updating the St. James' brochure and printing out cards for new homeowners in the area.

If you have any interest in any of the above, please contact Beth Cox at 203-743-9979 or email: cox4000@sbcglobal.net.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST

As a part of our mission outreach, St. James' has offered mission crosses which are made of olive wood by Palestinian Christians. On Sunday, October 1, we will have someone present during our Services to talk about what it means to be a Christian in Palestine, Israel, and the Middle East. Following both Services, there will be time to chat with our guests. They will be bringing with them items for sale made in Palestine. These pieces are particularly beautiful as gifts or for yourself, and, like our mission crosses, help to support our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Youth Group

Youth Group will have its first meeting of the year on October 1st at 11:30 AM in the Youth Room. I look forward to resuming our monthly meetings.

Godly Play- Church School

Our new Godly Play curriculum for Church School began on September 10th in the Godly Play classroom. Thank you to all who helped to make this program possible, especially Father Joseph and Susie Sarkisian. Please see Kerry Santoro, Director of Religious Education, if you would like to volunteer as a Godly Play Doorkeeper or if you would like to observe a Godly Play session.

Family Sunday

Family Sunday will be on October 29th. The Church School students and Youth Group will be participating in the 10 AM service. The Church School Choristers will also be singing on that day.

St. Nicholas Party

Please save the date for our annual St. Nicholas party for Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 PM in Luckenbill Hall. Details to follow in the November newsletter.

Blessings and Peace,
Kerry Santoro, Director of Religious Education

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT 3:15 PM

October 15th
(rain date Oct 22nd)
11:00 Am - 4:00 PM

Outdoors at
Candlewood Town Park
35 Hayestown Rd Danbury CT 06811

Guests 12 & over \$7.00
Guests 3-11 \$5.00

2nd Annual Danbury Pet Expo 2017 is Here!

- + Rescue Groups
- + Petting Zoo
- + Animal Blessing
- + Danbury Police K-9 Unit
- + Face Painting
- + Adoptions
- + Pet-Food
- + Pet- Products
- + Meet Margaret Taylor
Reiki Master/Teacher

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to local shelters

AGRIVENTURES AGWAY

Pets Welcome! Vendors!

Costume Contest!



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For more info call 203-702-1467 or visit www.DanburyPetExpo.com

MUSIC notes

Chancel Choir has begun rehearsing and is looking for new members! Please join us on Thursdays in the choir room 7:30-9:00pm and on Sunday morning at 9:20 for warm up in preparation for singing at the 10am worship service.

Choristers will be singing on October 29 at 10am for family Sunday. Rehearsals are at 11:00-11:20am on Sunday, October 15 and 22 in the sanctuary. The children will be singing "This is the Day" and "Go Now in Peace", two songs they learned during Jubilation Camp this past summer.

St. James' Ringers rehearse most Sundays at 11:00am-noon. We need more hands to ring our beautiful bells! Please consider trying this fun activity this fall. We will be ringing during worship on October 8th and November 9th.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, November 19, 3pm - St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble from Russia will be performing in concert at St. James'. They will be offering a selection of Russian classical, sacred and folk music. More information to follow in the November newsletter.

SPECIAL CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR CHRISTMAS EVE will be held on Saturday, December 16 from 9am-10am for Chancel Choir members and those who would like to join us on December 24th. This rehearsal is especially geared toward those who would like to sing with the choir for Christmas Eve but cannot make the regular Thursday rehearsals. More information to follow.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Empowering Women for Christ's Ministry

ECW is calling all "Sew"ers – we are in need of people to help us with our stuffed Teddy Bear and Pillow projects. We meet on the 3rd Saturday from 10am-12 noon and would appreciate your help. Any questions call Jill Kuhn at 203-744-2168 or Joan Tarrant at 203-748-1044. Thank you.



PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER – October 2017

"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone"

I Timothy 2:1

Each month in our newsletter we include part of our alphabetical listing of the members of our congregation in the Parish Cycle of Prayer. This month you are asked to hold the following members in your prayers:

- Oct 1 Loraine Subryan; Sueiro Family; David & Kathi Swanson
- Oct 2 Switzer Family; Glenna Tagliavento; Matthew Talley; James & Susan Tarrant & Family
- Oct 3 Joan Tarrant & Family; Bill & Laurie-Jean Thalman; Roland Thibodeau
- Oct 4 Arthur Tuttle; Constance Tyrell; Ann Velazquez Ruiz; Joseph Walkovich
- Oct 5 Joseph Ward; Janice Webb; Lewis Westfall; Gregg & Kathleen Wilbert
- Oct 6 Harold Williams; Gary & Kathleen Williamson; Robert Wirag; William Wood
- Oct 7 Carnell & Victoria Woody & Family; John & Nora Zahner & Family
- Oct 8 Jason Anders; Martin & Janis Anderson & Family; Jason & Meghan Flynn & Family
- Oct 9 Linda Arbitelle; Joanne, Archibald & Family; Richard & Harriet Arthur & Family
- Oct 10 Battiste Family; Raymond & Karen Beaudry; Harold & Marie McCarthy
- Oct 11 Katie & Ryan Beaudry & Family; Richard Becker; Kim Malara & Betsy Bergeron
- Oct 12 Deidra & James Beschle & Family; Lloyd & Patricia Best
- Oct 13 Cathleen Blasco; Robert Bloss; George Bogart & Jana Draper
- Oct 14 Arthur & Marjorie Bohan; Mildred Boughton; Allan & Janet Brown; Mary Lou Brown
- Oct 15 Jacky Fountain & Jeffrey Butler; Rita Butler; Jeffrey & Nicole Callan
- Oct 16 Suzanne Carley; Valentina Carrasquillo; Violet Chase; John & Vivien Cheeseman
- Oct 17 Jeffrey Chowanec; Charles & Linda Clapp; Stephen & Amanda Huntley
- Oct 18 Robert & Laura Consiglio & Family; Tiwana Council, Beth & Dan Cox & Family
- Oct 19 James Cooks; Michael & Pamela Cummings; Wendy DaCosta
- Oct 20 Kathleen Dannenhoffer; Karen Davidson; Ruth Davis; Jeffrey & Denise Day
- Oct 21 DeStefano Family; Barbara DeVeaux; Anthony & Nanci DiPerrio; Emily Disney
- Oct 22 Joe Dobbins; Bridgett Downer; Roderick & Alexandra Edwards
- Oct 23 Elizabeth Egan; David & Marcella Emerito; Margaret Emerito; Harold & Josette Eynon
- Oct 24 Sean & Rebecca Fanning & Family; Anne Felizardo, Eugene & Shirley Fernekes
- Oct 25 Shirley Ferrarone; Randall & Elizabeth Fescue; Joseph & Sally Fiorita
- Oct 26 Dianne Fleischer; Etura Fleming; Robert & Carolyn Flynn; Madeline Franco
- Oct 27 Sean & Janis Flynn & Family; Marcia Folderauer; Scott & Dawn Ford
- Oct 28 Helen Gallo; Theo Gammie; Wayne & Doreen Geist; Tancy Gemza
- Oct 29 Francis & Judith Toth; Carole Conaway; Lillian Heering; Dick & Mary Lou Johntson
- Oct 30 Frank Giarratana & Family; Melissa & Nicholas Gieda & Family; Doreen Gilliland
- Oct 31 Richard & Ruth Goetz; Vanessa Grant & Family; Scott & Michelle Grayson & Famil

The ministry of the people of St. James' Episcopal Church is led by the Wardens and Vestry and assisted by the Clergy and Staff.

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Marion Liberati

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Bill Hutchinson (2018)

Suzanne Carley (2018)

Victoria Woody (2020)

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Twitter: https://twitter.com/StJames_Danbury

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/stjamesdanbury>

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Then:

~Click "Follow" or "Subscribe" on all our social media channels

~Click the "Like" button on the posts

~Comment to add your thoughts to the conversation

~Click "Share" or "Retweet" on the posts so that your friends on your social media platforms can join in, too!

Remember to invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to Services, our book study programs, Evening Prayer, and other St. James' events because ALL are welcome!

